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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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SUBJECT: ROC'S RELATIONSHIP TO MTN

1. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FORWARD THE FOLLOWING TEXT BY LETTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE SALUTATION AND CLOSING FROM AMBASSADOR DENT TO MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SUN YUN-SUAN. THIS IS IN REPLY TO HIS LETTER WHICH WAS COPIED TO JOSEPH KYLE. AFTER FORWARDING THE LETTER, PLEASE ELICIT AND REPORT MINISTER SUN'S REACTION.

2. "THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF JANUARY 13 REGARDING
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THE INCLUSION OF THE ROC AS A BENEFICIARY OF THE UNITED

STATES GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP).

3. "YOUR LETTER ALSO INCLUDED A REQUEST THAT WE KEEP YOU INFORMED OF PROGRESS IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (MTN). I BELIEVE THAT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, ALTHOUGH NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE MTN, CAN RECEIVE MORE LASTING BENEFITS FROM ITS RESULTS THAN FROM GSP. UNLIKE GSP, THE MTN PROVIDES CONCESSIONS WHICH ARE BOUND, DO NOT HAVE COMPETITIVE NEED LIMITATIONS AND GENERALLY COVER A BROADER RANGE OF PRODUCTS. IN ADDITION, THE MTN WILL COVER NON-TARIFF MEASURES AS WELL AS TARIFF CONCESSIONS.

4. "THE TOKYO DECLARATION OF SEPTEMBER 14, 1973 STATES THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL PROVIDE CONTRIBUTIONS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THEIR DEVELOPMENT, ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL NEEDS. THE US TRADE ACT OF 1974 PROVIDES THAT US CONCESSIONS ARE TO BE MADE IN RETURN FOR APPROPRIATE CONCESSIONS FROM DEVELOPING, AS WELL AS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA CAN BENEFIT FROM POTENTIAL US CONCESSIONS. AS YOU KNOW, MTN DEVELOPED COUNTRY PARTICIPANTS IN THE TROPICAL PRODUCT NEGOTIATING GROUP TABLED OFFERS ON MARCH 1 TO LIBERALIZE TRADE IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS.

5. "AS THE NEGOTIATIONS DEVELOP THE PRECISE AREA OF BENEFITS TO THE ROC, WE WILL LOOK FORWARD TO CONSULTATIONS OR DISCUSSIONS WHICH WILL IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE CONCESSIONS. WE CAN THEN DISCUSS OTHER MATTERS IN GREATER DETAIL. I LOOK FORWARD TO LEARNING ANY REACTION YOU MAY HAVE TO THIS PROPOSAL THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN TAIPEI." KISSINGER

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